

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a colorant, wherein:

the toner has a storage modulus ($G' (L1)$) in a linear region and a storage modulus ($G' (NL)$) in a nonlinear region at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a linear region to a nonlinear region of viscoelastic characteristics, satisfying the relationships of

$G' (L1)/G' (NL)$ is from 5 to 20, and

$G' (NL)$ is from 100 to 400 dyn/cm²; and

wherein the binder resin comprises a block polyester and an amorphous polyester; and

the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:
An image-forming apparatus; and
a toner; wherein:

the image-forming apparatus comprises comprising at least:

an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent image is formed;

~~a toner according to claim 1 or 2;~~

a developing unit which develops the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by the toner;

a transferring unit which transfers the toner image on the image carrier to a recording medium; and

a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred to the recording medium by heating, wherein the fixing unit has oil-less two rollers; and
the toner is the toner of claim 1.

4. (currently amended): A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a colorant, wherein:

the toner has a storage modulus ($G' (L2)$) in a linear region at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a nonlinear region to a linear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of from 400 to 2,000 dyn/cm²; ~~and~~

~~wherein the binder resin comprises a block polyester and an amorphous polyester; and~~

the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

5. (original): The toner according to claim 4, wherein the toner has a ratio of the storage modulus ($G' (L2)$) to the storage modulus ($G' (NL)$) in a nonlinear region $G' (L2)/G' (NL)$ at 180°C, in step strain measurement of from a nonlinear region to a linear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of from 3 to 8.

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:

An image-forming apparatus; and

a toner; wherein:

the image-forming apparatus comprises comprising at least:

an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent image is formed;

~~a toner according to any one of claims 4 to 6;~~

a developing unit which develops the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by the toner;

a transferring unit which transfers the toner image on the image carrier to a recording medium; and

a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred to the recording medium by heating, wherein the fixing unit has oil-less two rollers; and

the toner is the toner of claim 4 or 5.